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COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

Task Team V - Biographics

Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting - 13 May 1965

Members or Their Representatives Present

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CIA	- Mr.	[REDACTED]
DIA	- Mr.	[REDACTED]
NSA	- Mr.	[REDACTED]
STATE	- Mr.	Mitchell Stanley
ARMY	- Mr.	Paul Anderson
NAVY	- Mr.	Marvin E. Van Dera
		Mr. William J. Urick
AIR FORCE	- Lt. Col.	Edmund M. Manning, Jr.
		Mr. Russel S. Keen
FBI	- Mr.	Earl W. McCoy
CSC	- Mr.	Pearley G. Buck
SS	- Mr.	Frank G. Stoner
I&NS	- Mr.	John L. Keefe
CSS	- Mr.	[REDACTED]

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1. The members approved the minutes of the tenth meeting.
2. Copies of a summary of the symposium presentations were distributed by the Secretary. After some discussion, it was pointed out that although the summary covered the general topics presented by the various speakers, it did not go into sufficient detail as to the substance of the talks. The Chairman recalled the draft and indicated that it would be recast for review at the next meeting. The Department of State representative requested that the future draft of this summary spell out all of the organization or other lettered groupings in the interest of clarity.
3. The Team next considered the biographic questionnaire which had been supplied members some weeks ago. The Chairman requested that this questionnaire be filled out even by those agencies which are not now contemplating automation, even though some of the questions are oriented toward machine language type systems. Those members representing organizations that had not yet responded indicated that they would send the answers to the questionnaire into the Secretary in the near future.

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downgrading and
declassification.

4. Discussion then turned to the problem of assessing the time and service factors in the interchange between agencies of requests and replies concerning the presence of information on individuals by name. This activity goes on at a much higher rate in the counterintelligence and security type activities than in the positive intelligence areas. After some deliberation as to how to best determine facts in this area, the Chairman pointed out that the paper he had prepared on this subject (which was provided the members some weeks ago) obviously was too general in nature to be of use. The Chairman then proposed that a working group be set up to look at the name searching operation, particularly as it applied between agencies, and to determine whatever facts might be obtainable to assist the Team in coming to the logical conclusions in this area. The group will be chaired by Mr. Paul Anderson of the Army with Messrs. Buck, McCoy, Keefe, and [REDACTED] (who will act as secretary to the group) being designated as members of the working group to assist Mr. Anderson. The point was made that the rest of the members of the Team should be available to assist this working group to develop the facts required. 25X1A

5. The Chairman suggested that perhaps one useful course of action would be to initiate a sample group of requests to test how long the "typical routine" cases might take. Of course the ground rules and development of facts relative to communication facilities, obvious internal management delays, administrative routine and procedures must be considered in instituting such a test. The method of handling the forms now being used, problems of categorization, priority and classification (both for security and processing), and the presence of an agency employee at the requestee's facility, also would have to be considered. It was suggested that perhaps a flow chart of a rather gross nature between the requestors and the receivers might be of use. The Chairman suggested that all these details be left up to the Task Team which should report back to the full team at its next meeting (to be called when the working group so requests).

6. During the conversation it was brought out that the Air Force has now installed an AUTOVON communication system which will be used by the OSI group. Lt. Col. Manning extended the invitation to the group or individuals thereof to visit his installation of the AUTOVON versus the AUTODIN versus the transceiver in terms of speed, cost, volume of transmission and security arrangements available. [AUTOVON (Automatic Voice Network) is an electronic communications system which provides voice communications and can provide low speed digital information transmission of classified information. AUTODIN (Automatic Digital Information Network) is a high speed electronic communication system which provides the rapid transfer of digital information at classification up to Secret. Both of these systems are being installed in the Air Force for a variety of Air Force customers. The transceiver is a very low speed digital information electronic transmitter. It is commercially available through IBM at reasonably low monthly rates.] Mr. Anderson and the others accepted the working group assignment and indicated that they would convene within a few days for the first working group meeting.

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7. The Team next considered name finding activity and the question was posed, what is the nature of the interagency problem in biographic intelligence collection and processing in the name finding area? (Name finding is defined as the process of looking for names on the basis of some identifier other than name such as occupation, title, organization, location, etc.) After some discussion the group concluded that this subject might best be handled by a second working group made up of those among the Team who are most interested in the name finding operation. This raised the general question in the group as to the relative proportion of name searching going on in the security/CI world and relative amount of name finding going on in the PI world. It was agreed that these proportions were not really known to the Team. The Chairman then appointed [REDACTED] to chair a working group comprised of himself and Messrs. [REDACTED] Manning and [REDACTED] (who will also act as secretary) to look into the name finding activities and to develop whatever additional facts might be of use to the Team in the completion of its task. During this discussion, one important point was made concerning the possible need for a directory of sources of biographic information within the Intelligence Community. This working group will consider this along with other subjects during the course of its meeting during the next few weeks.

8. The Chairman indicated that he would not call another meeting of the full Team until so requested by the Chairmen of the working groups. He pointed out that any member of the team was welcome to participate in the activities of either of these working groups if it would seem profitable to do so.

9. At the conclusion of the meeting, [REDACTED] of the Biographic Register briefed the Task Team members on the mission of the Register in supplying positive biographic intelligence to the Intelligence Community. A brief description was given of the various manual and EAM punch card-based files maintained by BR, along with a discussion of the types of support provided research offices, operational elements, and foreign policy makers. The briefing was followed by a tour of the Register's Support Branch.

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